

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 9, 14, 19, and 23 as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

Sub 17 1. (Amended) A game machine system comprising a server device, a display device, and a game executing device, which are connected to each other via a digital communication line that is external to the server device, the display device, and the game executing device,

said server device comprising:

information storage unit for storing game software information including a game control program and display data used to form a game screen in accordance with said game control program;

game software information acquisition means for acquiring said game software information which is provided by means of broadcasting or via a dedicated communication line and storing the acquired game software information in said information storage unit; and

B1 information transmitting means for reading necessary information from said information storage unit in response to a request received via said digital communication line and transmitting said information over said digital communication line,

said game executing device comprising:

game selection command input means for inputting a game selection command to select a specified game;

a game selection request transmission means for transmitting, over said digital communication line, a game selection request for selection of the game specified by said game selection command input via said game selection command input means;

game control command input means for inputting a game control command;
information request transmission means for transmitting, over said digital communication line, an information request for providing necessary information in accordance with the game control program specified by said game selection command and in accordance with the game control command input via said game control command input means;

information acquisition means for acquiring necessary information from information received via said digital communication line; and

image generation means for generating an image in accordance with game display data included in said information acquired via said information acquisition means and transmitting the image information representing the generated image over said digital communication line, said display device comprising:

image information acquisition means for acquiring image information transmitted via said digital communication line; and

image displaying means for displaying an image in accordance with the image information acquired via said image information acquisition means.

9. (Amended) A server device in a game machine system comprising said server device, a display device, and a game executing device, which are connected to each other via a digital communication line that is external to the server device, the display device, and the game executing device, said server device comprising:

information storage unit for storing game software information including a game control program and display data used to form a game screen in accordance with said game control program;

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game software information acquisition means for acquiring said game software information which is provided by means of broadcasting or via a dedicated communication line and storing the acquired game software information in said information storage unit; and
information transmitting means for reading necessary information from said information storage unit in response to a request received via said digital communication line and transmitting said information over said digital communication line.

14. (Amended) A game executing device in a game machine system comprising a server device, a display device, and said game executing device, which are connected to each other via a digital communication line that is external to the server device, the display device, and the game executing device, said game executing device comprising:

game selection command input means for inputting a game selection command to select a specified game;

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a game selection request transmission means for transmitting, over said digital communication line, a game selection request for selection of the game specified by said game selection command input via said game selection command input means;

game control command input means for inputting a game control command;

information request transmission means for transmitting, over said digital communication line, an information request for providing necessary information in accordance with the game control program specified by said game selection command and in accordance with the game control command input via said game control command input means;

information acquisition means for acquiring necessary information from information received via said digital communication line; and

B3 image generation means for generating an image in accordance with game display data included in said information acquired via said information acquisition means and transmitting the image information representing the generated image over said digital communication line.

19. (Amended) A display device in a game machine system comprising a server device, said display device, and a game executing device, which are connected to each other via a digital communication line that is external to the server device, the display device, and the game executing device, said display device comprising:

image information acquisition means for acquiring data-compressed image information transmitted from said server device over said digital communication line and also image information generated, data-compressed, and transmitted over said digital communication line by said game executing device;

B4 decompression means for decompressing the data-compressed image information acquired by said image information acquisition means;

image synthesizing means for synthesizing an image from the image represented by the image information which has been received from said server device and then decompressed by said decompression means and the image represented by the image information which has been generated by said game executing device and then decompressed by said decompression means; and

image displaying means for displaying the image synthesized by said image synthesizing means.

23. (Amended) A method of using a game using a game machine system comprising a server device, a display device, and a game executing device, which are connected to each

other via a digital communication line that is external to the server device, the display device, and the game executing device, said method comprising:

a game software information acquisition step in which said server device acquires game software information supplied via broadcasting or a dedicated communication line and stores the acquired game software information in an information storage unit of said server device, said game software information including a game control program and game displaying data used to form a game screen in accordance with said game control program;

05 an information transmission step in which said server device reads necessary information from said information storage unit in response to a request received via said digital communication line and transmits said information over said digital communication line;

a game selection request transmission step in which said game executing device accepts a game selection command issued by a user to select a specified game and transmits, over said digital communication line, a game selection request for selection of the game specified by said game selection command;

an information request transmission step in which said game executing device accepts a game control command issued by the user and transmits, over said digital communication line, a request for providing necessary information in accordance with the game control program specified by said game selection command and in accordance with said game control command accepted via game control command input means;

an information acquisition step in which said game executing device acquires necessary information from information received via said digital communication line;

an image generation step in which said game executing device generates an image in accordance with game display data included in said information acquired in said information

acquisition step and transmits the image information representing the generated image over said digital communication line;

BS an image information acquisition step in which said image display device acquires image information transmitted via said digital communication line; and

an image displaying step in which said image display device displays an image in according with the image information acquired in said image information acquisition step.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure appearing as the single paragraph at page 93 of the specification as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows: